

# POSITIVELY BRIEF

The week ahead for the Rotary Club of Wellington



## Rotary Club of Wellington newsletter • Friday 25 November 2016

### Our next meeting is on

Monday 28th • 12 noon for 12.30 start

### Our next meeting is at

James Cook Hotel, Level 17, 147 The Terrace

### And our speaker is

**EUREKA! spotlight by Andrew Tang (this year's award winner), Francis Wevers and Russ Ballard**



EUREKA! is one of those great successes that started from a conversation and grew to a national presence. It now covers the Sir Paul Callaghan Eureka Awards (Year 11 to undergraduate), a growing and active alumni group and the Junior Eureka Programme (years 4–6).

This exciting organisation uses the Awards, the alumni and the junior programme to identify and foster young leaders who, through their knowledge of science, technology, engineering or mathematics, with their entrepreneurial drive and persuasive communication skills, will bring about the vision of New Zealand as foreseen by Sir Paul Callaghan.

### Do you have a job to do?

- **Visitors and guests:** Bob Stannard
- **Greeters:** Martin Lenart, John Luxton
- **Five minute talks:** Andrew Jackson & Tracy Brown (Youth Committee)
- **Sergeant:** John Rowe
- **President's table:** Janice Wilson (I&T), John Rowe



### Starting time for duties is 12pm

If you are not able to do your duty, please find someone else to fill in for you AND let Rebecca know so she can update the roster.

Please don't just email Rebecca telling her you can't do it; she does a tremendous job for our club but doesn't have the time to find a substitute for you.

### Last Monday



Anya Satyanand filled in for our earthquake-postponed speaker with a very thought-provoking presentation. Anya works for [Ara Taiohu](#), the peak body supporting and setting the standards for organisations working with New Zealand's youth. Their goal is to help them to be more connected, effective and accountable.

Anya pointed out that young people are crucial to the world as they are the majority and reflect the increasing diversity of society, and yet the world is often tipped against them.

She posed a final question to us: Rotary is ideally placed to do something constructive about the 'space between the generations'. So what could we do?

### We collected

\$504 in the sunshine box following John Luxton's impromptu sergeant's session on the somewhat unnerving subject of The Trump Family.

### We welcomed

David Johnson from GNS and Massey University, a guest of Derek Gill.

### We heard a poignant five minute report

From Donna Dentice on the JR McKenzie Youth Foundation. She spoke about the purpose of the Foundation, which is to encourage and enable young people to attend school by providing school uniforms in cases of hardship.

The Foundation recently shifted their funding process to providing lump sums to low decile schools in the lower North Island. A report from Porirua College highlights some thought-provoking and positive ripples from this funding. The school discovered that lack of correct uniform was a source of great shame and that families often keep their children away from school if they don't meet the standard.

Purchases of uniforms have reduced truancy and increased the engagement of some students, and the school has discovered that their community strongly supports having a uniform, but is it an important hurdle for families.

### Interesting club business

- **Dame Patsy Reddy** and **Justin Lester** have confirmed their acceptance of honorary membership
- In the New Year, **Nick and Christine Hurley** will return to the club from Nick's posting as NZ High Commissioner in the Cook Islands
- Effective from 1 January 2017, the **Rotary Levy will be increased by 55c per month**, which is the GST that is chargeable on District Levies that has not previously been charged

### Board changes

- Congratulations to **Martin Matthews** on his appointment as Auditor General. Unfortunately Martin cannot be a member of the club while he holds that position, and this will be a great loss to the board and to the club. We wish him all the best in his new role.
- **Andrew Miller** has stood down from being chair of the Vocational Committee, and **Leanna Dey** will take over that position.
- **Andrew Jackson** has stood down from chairing the Youth Committee and has been replaced by **Tracy Brown**.
- Effective from 1 January 2017, the **Rotary Levy will be increased by 55c per month**, which is the GST that is chargeable on District Levies that had not previously been charged.

### Other interesting possibilities

- 12 Dec (Mon) Get in early and register on the website at [rcw.org.nz/calendar/#s](http://rcw.org.nz/calendar/#s) to get a place at our **Christmas Lunch**
- 1 Dec (Thu) **Kapiti Rotary Annual Charity Golf Tournament** Paraparaumu Beach Links Course – info Doug Hooper Smith 027 454 5754 or [grenaby@xtra.co.nz](mailto:grenaby@xtra.co.nz). You get to play at the Paraparaumu Links Support and, like a children's birthday party, there are usually enough prizes for everyone to get one! Proceeds go mainly to Kapiti Youth Support.
- 10 Dec (Sat) **Winemakers' Lunch** at the White Swan, Greytown – a 3 course lunch plus the wines, which will be Martinborough wines vs Gladstone wines @ \$80 per head, a minimum of 40, maximum of 80 people, so bring your friends – travelling by train means you won't have to drive home
- 21–23 April 2017 **Rotary District 9940 Conference** New Plymouth
- **Jumbo Tennis** – Please seek out teams to enter this very popular tournament. The club aims to attract 48 teams to the 2017 event.

### Temporary office space available



*Richard Westlake writes ...* Post the earthquake, if any RCW members who operate a small business (1–3 people) have been unable to get back into your office, we can offer temporary space with us at Westlake Governance, level 1, 114 The Terrace. It's an open area on the northwestern corner which gets plenty of daylight. The business would need to be 'compatible' with ours – there's no way of locking one area off from the other!

We're happy to talk immediately: for genuine earthquake cases, we're willing to offer the first month rent-free, negotiable after that. We'd also be happy to share our facilities, including wireless network, coffee machine, etc. I understand the building is rated at 66% NBS, after some strengthening work last year. Contact Elaine (who's in the office more than I am) on 04 472 2007 or [elaine@westlakegovernance.com](mailto:elaine@westlakegovernance.com).

### Host requests – speak to Rebecca if you can help

- By hosting an international student for the 2017/2018 year – nominations are open for 16–18 year olds in 2018
- Welsh Rotarians in June and July 2017. Likely five couples plus two individuals from Friday 30th June to Sunday 2nd July for the test match between NZ and the British & Irish Lions. They have four tickets that can be purchased at cost for two host families.
- Rotary Club of Rugby Saturday Breakfast, from District 1060 in the UK – Petra and Tony Meeson request hosting for the Lions Test
- Taiwan Rotary exchange programme – November 2017, 4–6 couples (~12 persons)
- Rotary Club of Bangalore Cantonment exchange – invite about 5 or 6 Rotarians

### Tell your friends about the club

Invite them to a meeting, and give them one of the club's business cards, which will direct them to our website – <http://rcw.org.nz/join>

### Rotary beyond our club

David Gooze, a Peace Corps volunteer in Togo in 2012, discovered that even before he could speak the local language, soccer enabled him to interact. David's father, a Rotarian in Wisconsin, brokered the donation of 5,000 indestructible soccer balls from [One World Futbol Project](#).

David and his fellow peace Corps volunteers travelled to five main regions and organised a two day soccer festival. The festival gave them the opportunity to mix sport with interactive training on malaria prevention and treatment. Each student attending got a soccer ball and each school got an allocation of the balls.

As well, there were enough balls to give each of the 70 Peace Corps volunteers 20 balls to facilitate smaller talks at the local level. The soccer balls were ushered through the country with help from the US State Department and Togolese Rotarians, and this has built up a link between Peace Corps workers in rural villages with the urban Rotary clubs.

- Also, take a look at the November District 9940 newsletter [here](#).

### And the last word from me this week is that

What a crazy couple of weeks it's been. Our best wishes go out to all those affected whether in Kaikoura or here. It's not over by anybody's imagination, so please continue to support each other.

Despite earthquakes and severe weather, as a club are finding time to focus on the future. Driven by Richard's passion, A Forest at the Heart of Wellington continues to make huge gains; we have identified which centennial projects we are supporting; we have a new organisation we are part of called Disaster Aid NZ; and the Board have approved a new website to go into production for next year.

On top of this it is less than a month to Christmas. So come along to the last few meetings of the year as we embrace EUREKA! for the club success story it is, and as we finally settle on a home – my final request is that you please stay engaged and keep bringing new people along.



Mark Wheeler  
President

### Speakers at upcoming meetings

Monday 28 November • 12 noon for 12.30 start • James Cook Hotel, level 17

**Andrew Tang, with Russ Ballard and Francis Wevers – EUREKA!**

Monday 5 December • 12 noon for 12.30 start • James Cook Hotel, level 17

**Judge Andrew Becroft – Better outcomes for NZ's under 18 year olds: some nip and tuck, or is radical surgery required? + President Mark Wheeler & our AGM**

Monday 12 December • 12 noon for 12.30 start • James Cook Hotel, level 17

**Rev Alistair Lane, St John's in the City – Xmas lunch with Jen Little's choir**

Tuesday 24 January • 12 noon for 12.30 start • James Cook Hotel, level 17

**Hon Bill English – note change of day to Tuesday**

### Duty rosters

Starting time for duties is 12 noon, except for evening meetings – please arrange a substitute if unable to attend

Monday 28 November

- **Visitors & guests** Bob Stannard
- **Greeters** Martin Matthews, Duncan McDonald
- **5-minute talk** Update on the club's Charitable Trust, Karen Coutts: Community Services Committee
- **Sergeant** Kane Patena
- **President's table** Geoff Bascand (I&T), Kane Patena
- **Meeting recording:** Murray Milner

Monday 5 December

- **Visitors & guests** Bob Stannard
- **Greeters** Brian McKeon, Roger Miller
- **5-minute talk** Richard Norman on tree planting
- **Sergeant** Katy Anquetil
- **President's table** Lee Wilkinson (I&T), Katy Anquetil
- **Meeting recording:** Michaela Draper

Monday 12 December (Christmas Lunch)

- **Visitors & guests** Bob Stannard
- **Greeters** Sir Anand Satyanand, Lady Susan Satyanand
- **Christmas lunch with Jen Little's Choir**
- **Meeting recording:** Murray Milner

Monday 16 January

- **Visitors & guests** Bob Stannard
- **Greeters** Andrew Miller & Murray Milner
- **5-minute talk** TBA
- **Sergeant** Marion Cowden
- **President's table** TBA (I&T), Marion Cowden

## Latest News

## Upcoming Events

### **Kapiti Rotary Charity Golf Tournament**

**Thursday, 1 December 2016** - Rotary Club of Kapiti Annual Charity Golf Tournament. See attachment for entry form and conditions. Contact [grenaby@xtra.co.nz](mailto:grenaby@xtra.co.nz) for further information [MORE](#)

### **Christmas 2016**

**Monday, 12 December 2016** - The annual RCW Christmas lunch is always very popular. Enjoy special Christmas fare, a glass of wine and great company whilst taking time to reflect on the year of 2016. Seating is limited to 130, so early registration is advised to avoid missing out. [MORE](#)

### **Evening Meeting**

**Monday, 30 January 2017** - Join us for a less formal style of meeting held at the Wellington Club, 88 The Terrace. We will start at 5:30pm with nibbles and a cash bar before moving through to hear our speaker at 6:00pm. Please register for catering purposes. [MORE](#)

### **Kapiti Island visit**

**Saturday, 11 February 2017** - We will be visiting Kapiti Island on 11 Feb 2017, setting off from Paraparaumu Beach at 8.45, 9.30 or 10.15 (to be confirmed) The cost is:  
 Adult \$75 Children 5-17 \$40 Student \$60 Under 5 Free [MORE](#)

### **Nonsuch Consulting JUMBO TENNIS 7s Tournament 2017**

**Friday, 3 March 2017** - This is a fun and fund-raising tournament. Join in the action at the Renouf Tennis Centre!! Follow lead-up progress on Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/RCWJumboTennis7s> Register your team of four to experience this high spirited, fun and exciting event, first introduced to Wellington in 2008 by the Rotary Club of ... [MORE](#)



### **Wairarapa Winemakers' Lunch**

**Saturday, 10 December 2016** - Join us on December 10th at the White Swan in Greytown for a delicious lunch and a Gladstone versus Martinborough wine experience. Three courses including wine for \$80 a head. An option to travel by train, rather than have to drive over the Hill. The train leaves Wellington at ... [MORE](#)

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